Survey on the Pune-Nasik-Billimore Line

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Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey was conducted for the laying of Pune-Nasik-Billimore Railway line on Western and Central Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Traffic survey for a railway line from Kirkee (near Pune)-Nasik was carried out in 1929-30. The project was found to be financially unremunerative.

Feature Film on the Bhopal Gas Victims

@1659. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the screening of a short feature film on the Bhopal gas victims prepared by the noted film producer and director Shri Muzaffar Ali has been banned; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Film Certification has not received any application for certification of any film on Bhopal Gas victims.

Strike in Paradip Port

@1660. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of Paradip Port are on strike to protest against the mechanisation and unjust stand of the management not to give alternative jobs to those retrenched due to mechanisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that high level talks were held in Delhi on January 20, 1986 between the Orissa Chief Minister and the Union Minister of State for Suface Transport on the steps to be taken to end the Paradip Port strike; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to end the strike at an early date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The listed mazdoors and sardars numbering about 1200 had stopped work with effect from 2-1-1986 in protest against the decision of the Board of Turustees for discontinuing the practice of ghost booking of labour gang for operations carried out by grabs, where no gang is actually required. The strike was later on joined by the workers of clearing and forwarding agents as well as the remaining listed workers in the course of the first week of January, 1986.

(b) Yes Sir.

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